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This will be a weekend for asking questions at the University of Illinois --questions about engineering, about aviation, and about the military services. The questions will be asked by thousands of high school students and their parents who will come to the campus at Urbana. They will come Friday and Saturday--March tenth and eleventh--for a triple-feature weekend involving the annual Engineering Open House, the Aviation Open House, and the Pershing Rifles Drill Meet which will reach its climax Saturday night in a spectacular production titled "Echo Taps, 1967." All events are free. In the Engineering Open House, engineering students will show what engineering is about and what preparation for this profession involves. They have prepared more than one hundred twenty-five exhibits to be displayed in fifteen buildings. Among massive equipment will be the 340-million volt betatron atom-smasher which carries on research with the invisible inside of the atom, and the the three-story testing machine, capable of exerting three-million pounds of force, which will be smashing big cylinders of concrete every hour in Talbot Laboratory. A university Centennial Year exhibit titled "Men and Ideas in Engineering" will be in the Illini Union. This is the title of a book to be published by the University of Illinois Press. The exhibit will present chapters from the book on subjects such as invention of sound-on-film movies, research on the cause and cure of railway rail "cancer," and the development of the "Illiac" series of electronic computers and the "Plato" teaching machine. Also in the Illini Union will be Open House Central. This will be staffed to provide visitors with information about exhibits and events, and to answer questions about engineering careers and opportunities, about college preparation, and about admission and housing at the University of Illinois. Engineering Open House starts Friday at 9 a.m. and continues to 9 p.m. that day. It resumes at 9 a.m. Saturday and continues to 5 p.m.

buses will take visitors to agricultural engineering, the Assembly Hall, and to the betatron and railway exhibits. Aviation Open House will be at University of Illinois-Willard Airport with displays both Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors will see aircraft and activities of the university's Institute of Aviation and find students and staff ready to answer questions. The open house will include a display of experimental and other special aircraft. Pershing Rifles Drill Meet is the largest invitational collegiate event of its kind in the world. Fifty-seven colleges and universities in twenty-one states are sending teams. The climax comes at 7 o'clock Saturday night in the Assembly Hall in "Echo Taps, 1967." This will combine drill competition finals, a military tattoo, and a tribute in the university's Centennial Year to students who have served their nation in the century since the university was chartered. A student in the uniform of cadets when the university opened will represent the thousands who preceded those now enrolled on the campus in Army, Naval, and Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps units. Taking part in the spectacular production Saturday night will be ROTC cadets and midshipmen, the Army's Old Guard drill team from Washington, D. C.; a Green Beret exhibition team from the Army's Special Forces; the Great Lakes Naval Station Drill Team; Air Force Band of the Midwest; and bagpipe unit of the United States Air Force Band. Drill competition finals will be held among the three teams in each category which have survived two days of eliminations. These categories are regulation drill, exhibition drill, and coed drill. During closing ceremonies, the Army's Silver Star--the nation's third highest military award--will be presented to an Army captain for his gallantry in action in Viet Nam. From 9 o'clock Friday morning, until Saturday night when taps are sounded in the Assembly Hall, this is going to be a big weekend for thousands of visitors to the University of Illinois at Urbana.

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